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1. [redacted]
to a camp in Kuchino, some 24 km east of Moscow. The camp was under the supervision of General Shilosov (fnu) and was operated by the MVD. [redacted]

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2. From October 1949 to September 1951 the life led by [redacted] Germans who had come from Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen, and Bautzen in the Soviet Zone of Germany was fairly good: food, clothing, and housing were adequate. Inmates of the camp were paid about 150 rubles a month and allowed to make small purchases. They were not permitted to have any connections with their homes.

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3. In September 1951 all the Germans were moved out of the camp, some to the coal basin of Vorkuta (N 67-31, E 64-00) in the northern Ural region, others to Inta¹, southeast of Moscow, where they were employed in large lumber

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were extremely hard. The food was very inferior, the temperature 40-60 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (40-50 Grad Kaelte), and the daily work lasted up to 10 hours. Most of the [redacted] forced laborers in this camp were common criminals; very few had been condemned for political crimes. The worst among the Soviet criminals were the "Bladnoys"², among whom there were men who had been condemned several times for murder. They stole whatever they could lay their hands on. The "Sukis"² were a somewhat better edition of the "Bladnoys". They came from the same social milieu as the "Bladnoys" but had made a promise to reform.

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4. The arbitrary concept of justice [redacted] In camp Kuchnic [redacted] there was a Soviet deserter who was classified as a criminal. On the other hand, in Vorkuta there was a man, convicted 18 times for murder, who was classified as a political criminal.

5. [redacted] the following [redacted] camp inmates could be considered as missing persons:

Bosse, Wilhelm, a chemist.

Riewe, Dr. (fnu), of whom it was known that he was arrested.

Mueller, Dipl. Ing. Karl, who formerly worked for Zeiss, in Jena. He was condemned to hard labor for life.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Probably a confusion with Inza (N 52-19, E 42-30), some 50 miles southwest of Ul'yanov. Inza is southeast of Moscow, and a center for the lumber industry of that region. Inta is some 80 miles south of Vorkuta.

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2. [redacted] Comment: These are slang terms. The first, "Bladnoys", should be "Blatnoy", derived from "blat", a fixer or "spiv". "Sukis", a germanized plural of "suka", bitch, is probably an underworld reference to the fact that these people "betrayed" their profession when they made a promise to reform.

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